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Water Quality Testing Laboratories
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish more Water Quality Testing Laboratories (WQTLs) in rural areas of the country at various levels;
(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the amount earmarked/allocated for the purpose, State-wise;
(c) whether any institutional mechanism exists for testing of water quality in these laboratories; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)
(a) & (b) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India has advised all States to establish water quality testing laboratories at the State, district, block and sub-division level as per the local requirements/ contamination reported. For this purpose, States can utilize the earmarked 3% funds allocated to them under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme. As on 15/7/2016, the number of water quality testing laboratories set up at various levels including mobile laboratories is at Annexure-1 and the funds earmarked for Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance component of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme for the current year 2016-17 is at Annexure-2.
(c) & (d) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has published the Uniform Drinking Water Monitoring Protocol in February 2013 and widely circulated to all States. In this Protocol, the institutional mechanism of number of manpower required, laboratory space, equipment, chemicals, glassware, frequency of sampling, parameters of testing, etc. are clearly mentioned.

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